



## **CAL/EPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM Report on the 2010 Distribution**

The Environmental Enforcement and Training Act (Penal Code section 14300) created the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account under the authority of the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). The purpose of the Account is to provide additional funding for environmental training and enforcement through donations from enforcement cases. Annual distribution is based on money in the account as of the end of September. In some cases, grant monies are not distributed until early the following year.

Funding for the Account comes from money designated for such use in enforcement cases. These contributions are often referred to as Supplemental Environmental Projects or "SEPs." Private contributions may also be received. For more information on SEPs, see Cal/EPA's website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/policy/>.

By statute, funds in the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account are allocated:

- 25% to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project;
- 25% to the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) to provide enforcement training for environmental prosecutors, investigators and regulators;
- 25% (capped at \$100,000) to the Peace Officers Standards Training Commission for peace officer training targeted at the detection and investigation of environmental crimes;
- The remaining 25% is distributed by Cal/EPA as grants to provide training and enforcement resources.

The actual amount of grant funding available is dependent on the amount of money deposited into the Account and is distributed annually. Cal/EPA solicits applications for the grants from September 1st to 30th. For more information see our website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Grants/14300.htm>.

### **2010 Distribution**

A total of \$ \$70,149 was distributed in 2010, as follows:

Statutory Distributions:

- \$17,537 CDAA Environmental Project (25%)
- \$17,537 CDAA Circuit Prosecutor Project (25%)
- \$17,537 Peace Officers Standards Training Commission (POST) (25%)

Grant (25%)

- \$17,537 Additional funding to the CDAA Circuit Prosecutor Project which provides environmental attorneys to California's rural counties.

Reports on the projects undertaken with these funds will be available from Cal/EPA when the projects are completed and the reports are submitted. For more information, see <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Grants/14300.htm>.